

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B218 (P221)

Which one of the following changes in pump operating parameters will directly lead to pump cavitation in a centrifugal pump that is operating in an open system?

- A. Steadily decreasing pump speed
- B. Steadily increasing pump suction pressure
- C. Steadily increasing pump discharge pressure
- D. Steadily increasing pump inlet temperature

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B320 (N/A)

Which one of the following changes in plant status will bring the reactor recirculation system closer to the condition in which the recirculation pump will cavitate?

- A. During a plant shutdown, recirculation pump suction temperature decreases while reactor pressure remains constant.
- B. Recirculation pump speed increases.
- C. Reactor water level increases.
- D. During reactor power operations, extraction steam to one of the high pressure feedwater heaters isolates.

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B1018 (P1520)

If a centrifugal pump is started with the discharge valve fully open (versus throttled), the possibility of pump runout will _____ and the possibility of pump cavitation will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. increase; increase
- C. decrease; decrease
- D. decrease; increase

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B1218 (P1220)

Which one of the following describes pump cavitation?

- A. Vapor bubbles are formed when the enthalpy difference between pump discharge and pump suction exceeds the latent heat of vaporization.
- B. Vapor bubbles are formed in the eye of the pump and collapse as they enter higher pressure regions of the pump.
- C. Vapor bubbles are produced when the localized pressure exceeds the vapor pressure at the existing temperature.
- D. Vapor bubbles are discharged from the pump where they impinge on downstream piping and cause water hammer.

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B1718 (P1820)

By starting a centrifugal pump with the discharge valve throttled versus fully open, the possibility of pump runout is _____, and the possibility of pump cavitation is _____.

- A. increased; decreased
- B. increased; increased
- C. decreased; decreased
- D. decreased; increased

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [3.2/3.2]
QID: B2118 (P1021)

Which one of the following will result in immediate cavitation of a centrifugal pump that is initially operating at normal rated flow?

- A. Recirculation flow path is aligned.
- B. Recirculation flow path is isolated.
- C. Pump suction valve is fully closed.
- D. Pump discharge valve is fully closed.

ANSWER: C.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.02 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B18

Venting a centrifugal pump prior to operating it ensures that...

- A. pump runout will not occur.
- B. pump internal corrosion is reduced.
- C. gas binding is reduced.
- D. starting load is minimized.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.02 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B219

Gas binding in a centrifugal pump can be prevented by _____ prior to pump start.

- A. venting the pump
- B. lowering suction pressure
- C. throttling the discharge valve
- D. shutting the discharge valve

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.02 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1821 (P1927)

Which one of the following is an effective method for ensuring that a centrifugal pump remains primed and does not become gas bound during operation and after shutdown?

- A. Install an orifice plate in the discharge piping of the pump.
- B. Install a pump recirculation line from the pump discharge piping to the pump supply piping.
- C. Install the pump below the level of the suction supply.
- D. Install a check valve in the discharge piping of the pump.

ANSWER: C.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B518

Which one of the following describes gas binding of a centrifugal pump?

- A. Pump capacity is reduced due to the presence of steam or air in the pump impeller.
- B. Pump capacity is reduced due to windage losses between the pump impeller and pump casing.
- C. Pump motor current increases due to the compression of gases in the pump volute.
- D. Pump motor current increases due to the high head requirements for pumping a fluid saturated with dissolved gases.

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B19

Which one of the following would result from operating a motor-driven centrifugal pump for extended periods of time with the discharge valve shut and no recirculation flow?

- A. No damage, because the pump and motor are designed to operate with the discharge valve shut
- B. Pump overheating, cavitating, and ultimately pump failure
- C. Excessive motor current, damage to motor windings, and ultimately motor failure
- D. Pump and motor overspeed and tripping on high motor current

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B319 (P321)

A motor-driven centrifugal pump with no recirculation flow path must be stopped when discharge pressure reaches the pump shutoff head to prevent...

- A. overheating of the pump.
- B. overheating of the motor.
- C. bursting of the pump casing.
- D. water hammer in downstream lines.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B423 (P23)

Operating a motor-driven centrifugal pump for an extended period of time under no flow conditions will cause...

- A. pump failure from overspeed.
- B. pump failure from overheating.
- C. motor failure from overspeed.
- D. motor failure from overheating.

ANSWER: B.

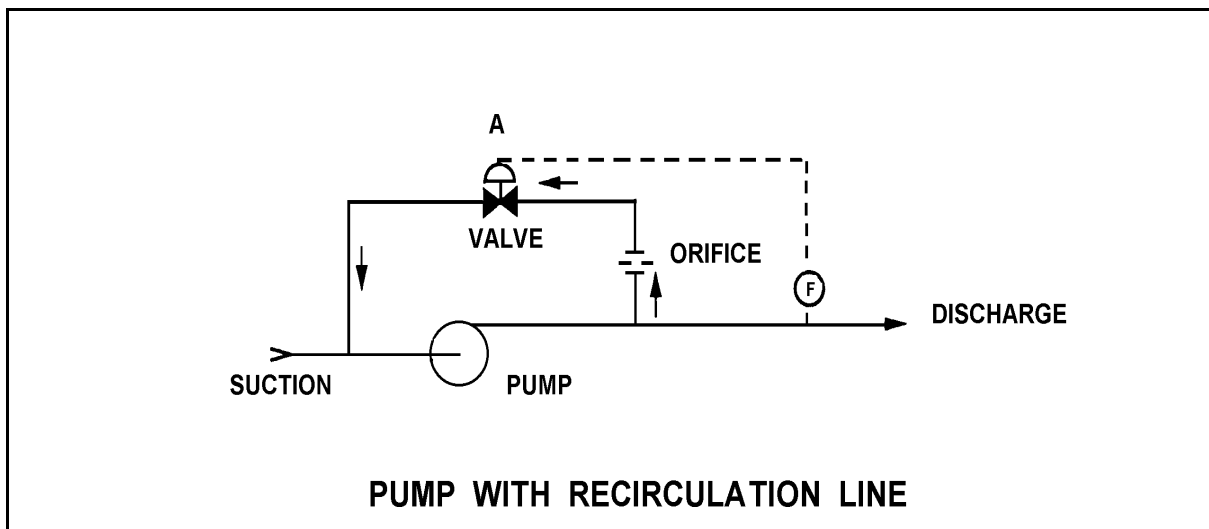
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B1219 (P2221)

Refer to the drawing of a pump with a recirculation line (see figure below).

Valve "A" will open when pump...

- A. discharge pressure increases above a setpoint.
- B. discharge pressure decreases below a setpoint.
- C. flow rate increases above a setpoint.
- D. flow rate decreases below a setpoint.

ANSWER: D.



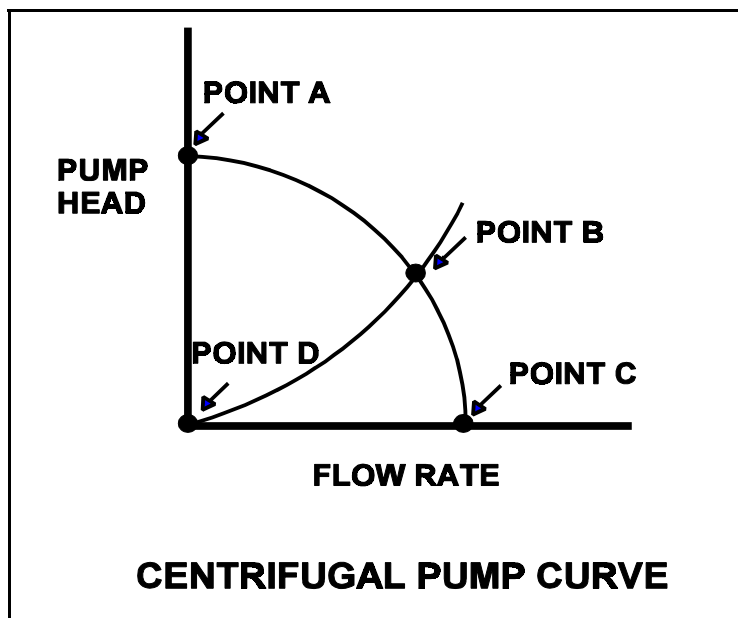
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B1319 (P119)

Refer to the drawing of a centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

Which point represents pump operation at shutoff head?

- A. Point A
- B. Point B
- C. Point C
- D. Point D

ANSWER: A.



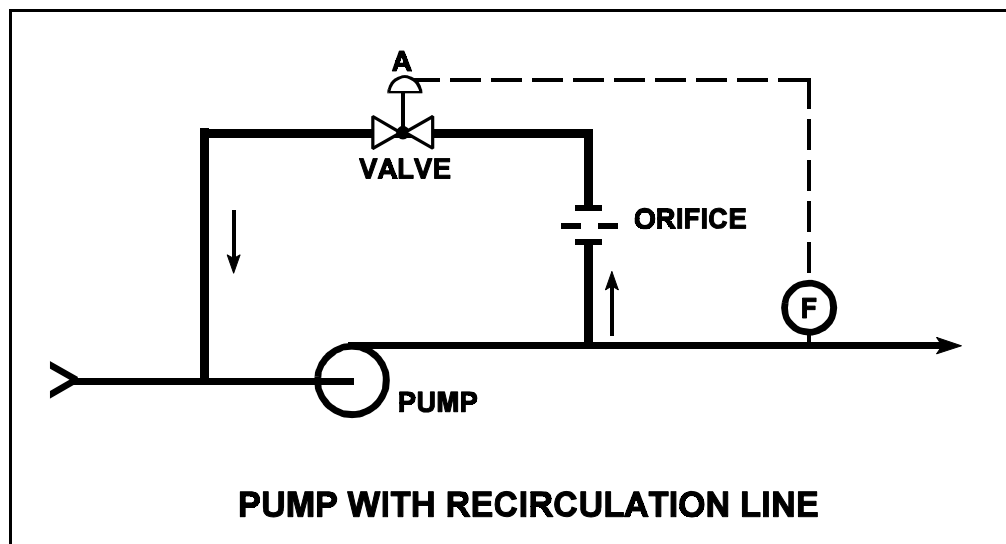
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B1917 (P1320)

Refer to the drawing of a pump with recirculation line (see figure below).

The flow path through valve A is designed to...

- A. prevent pump runout by creating a recirculation flow path.
- B. provide an adequate pump cooling flow rate during shutoff head conditions.
- C. direct a small amount of water to the pump suction to raise available net positive suction head.
- D. prevent the discharge piping from exceeding design pressure during no-flow conditions.

ANSWER: B.



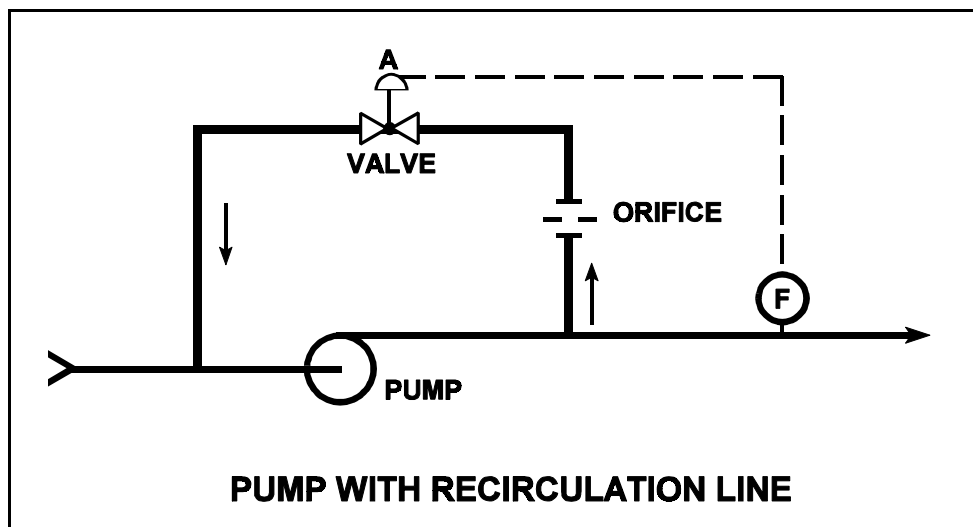
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.04 [3.0/3.1]
QID: B2225 (P3122)

Refer to the drawing of a pump with a recirculation line (see figure below).

Valve "A" will close when pump...

- A. discharge pressure increases above a setpoint.
- B. discharge pressure decreases below a setpoint.
- C. flow rate increases above a setpoint.
- D. flow rate decreases below a setpoint.

ANSWER: C.



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KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B3820 (P3822)

An ac motor-driven centrifugal water pump was just started. During the start, motor current remained peaked for 2 seconds, and then decreased and stabilized at about one-fifth the standard running current. Normally, the starting current peak lasts about 4 seconds.

Which one of the following could have caused the abnormal start indications above?

- A. The pump shaft was seized and the motor breaker opened.
- B. The pump was initially rotating slowly in the reverse direction.
- C. The pump was initially air bound, and then primed itself after 2 seconds of operation.
- D. The coupling between the motor and pump shafts was left unfastened after maintenance.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B20

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated speed with an output head of 240 psig. The speed of the pump is then decreased until the power consumption is 1/64 of its original value. What is the approximate new output head?

- A. 3.75 psig
- B. 15 psig
- C. 30 psig
- D. 60 psig

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B102

The discharge head of a centrifugal pump will decrease if the...

- A. pump suction pressure is increased.
- B. speed of the pump increases.
- C. discharge valve is throttled closed.
- D. temperature of the fluid being pumped increases.

ANSWER: D.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B106

A multispeed centrifugal pump is operating at 1800 rpm, providing a flow of 400 gpm at 20 psig. If the pump speed is increased to 3600 rpm, the new pump discharge pressure will be...

- A. 160 psig.
- B. 80 psig.
- C. 60 psig.
- D. 40 psig.

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B112

A variable-speed centrifugal pump is running with its drive motor at 1800 rpm. The initial flow rate is 1000 gpm, total head is 100 feet, and work input is 500 hp.

If the flow rate is changed to 1200 gpm, which one of the following will be the correct value for new work input?

- A. 550 hp
- B. 778 hp
- C. 864 hp
- D. 912 hp

ANSWER: C.

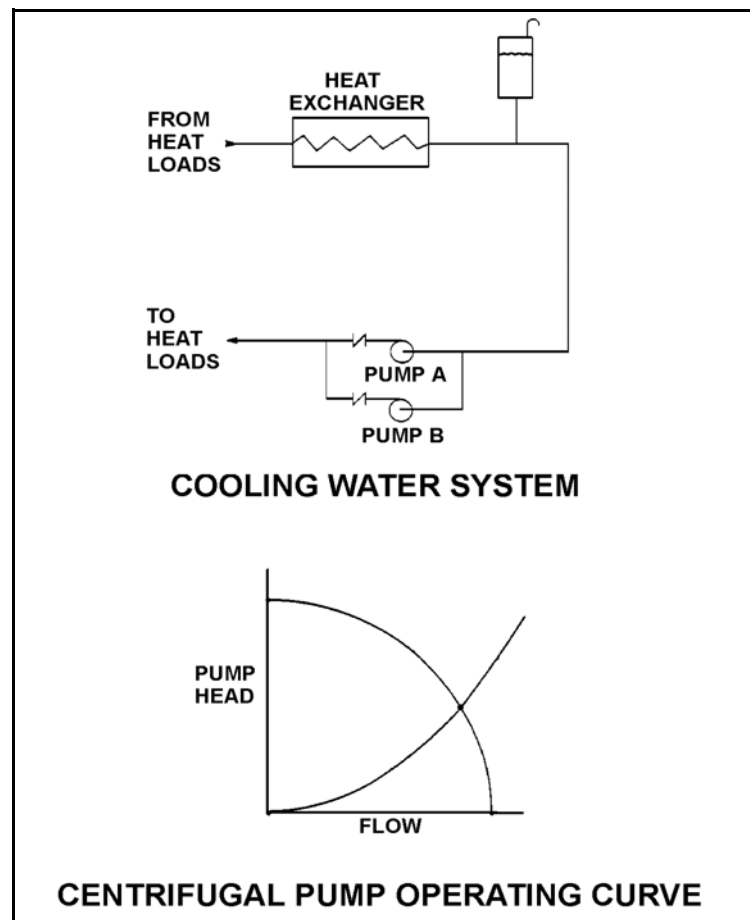
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1020 (P3323)

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below). Pumps A and B are identical single-speed centrifugal pumps and only pump A is operating initially.

Pump B is then started. After the system stabilizes, system flow rate will be...

- A. the same as the initial flow rate.
- B. less than twice the initial flow rate.
- C. twice the initial flow rate.
- D. more than twice the initial flow rate.

ANSWER: B.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1221

A centrifugal pump is operating with the following parameters:

Pump head: 50 psid
Flow rate: 200 gpm
Power input: 3 kW

Pump speed is increased and flow rate increases to 400 gpm. Which one of the following is the value of the new power consumption?

- A. 6 kW
- B. 9 kW
- C. 24 kW
- D. 27 kW

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1320

The discharge head of a variable-speed centrifugal pump will increase if the...

- A. pump suction pressure is increased.
- B. speed of the pump decreases.
- C. pump discharge valve is opened farther.
- D. temperature of the fluid being pumped increases.

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1519

A centrifugal pump is operating with the following parameters:

Pump head: 60 psid
Flow rate: 300 gpm
Power input: 4 kW

Pump speed is increased and flow rate increases to 400 gpm.

Which one of the following is the approximate value of the new power consumption?

- A. 5.3 kW
- B. 7.1 kW
- C. 9.5 kW
- D. 11.7 kW

ANSWER: C.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1619

A multispeed centrifugal pump is operating with a flow rate of 3,000 gpm. Which one of the following approximates the new flow rate if the speed is decreased from 3,600 rpm to 2,400 rpm?

- A. 1,000 gpm
- B. 1,500 gpm
- C. 2,000 gpm
- D. 2,500 gpm

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B1719

A centrifugal pump is operating with the following parameters:

Speed	= 1,800 rpm
Current	= 40 amperes
Pump head	= 20 psi
Pump flow rate	= 400 gpm

Which one of the following contains the approximate values of pump head and current if pump speed is decreased to 1,200 rpm?

- A. 13 psi, 18 amps
- B. 13 psi, 12 amps
- C. 9 psi, 18 amps
- D. 9 psi, 12 amps

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B2321 (P2329)

A multispeed centrifugal pump is operating with a flow rate of 3000 gpm. Which one of the following approximates the new flow rate if the speed is decreased from 3600 rpm to 3000 rpm?

- A. 1000 gpm
- B. 1500 gpm
- C. 2000 gpm
- D. 2500 gpm

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B2419 (P2424)

A centrifugal pump is operating with the following parameters:

Pump head: 60 psid
Flow rate: 300 gpm
Power input: 4 KW

Pump speed is increased and flow rate increases to 400 gpm.

Which one of the following is the approximate value of the new power consumption?

- A. 5.3 KW
- B. 7.1 KW
- C. 9.5 KW
- D. 11.7 KW

ANSWER: C.

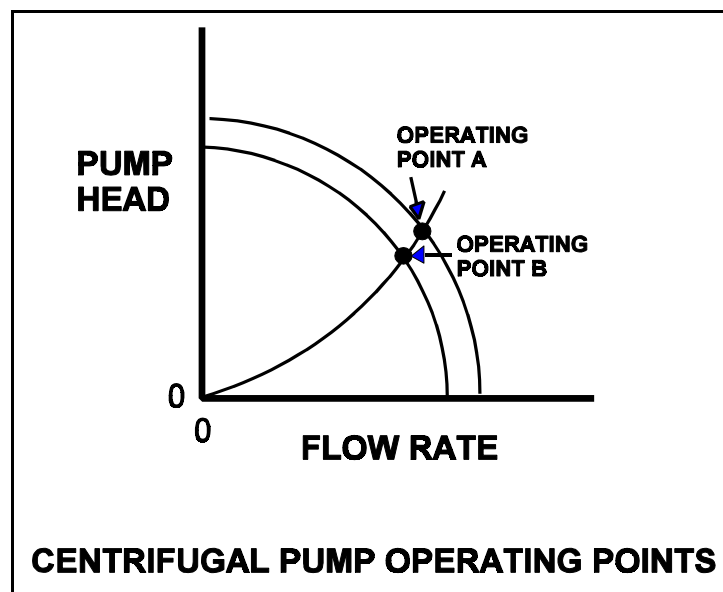
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B2718 (P2723)

Refer to the drawing showing two operating points for the same centrifugal pump (see figure below).

Operating point A was generated from pump performance data taken six months ago. Current pump performance data was used to generate operating point B. Which one of the following would cause the observed difference between operating points A and B?

- A. The pump discharge valve was more open when data was collected for operating point A.
- B. The pump discharge valve was more closed when data was collected for operating point A.
- C. The pump internal components have worn since data was collected for operating point A.
- D. The system piping head loss has increased since data was collected for operating point A.

ANSWER: C.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.05 [2.8/2.9]
QID: B3419 (P1429)

A variable-speed centrifugal pump is driven by an ac motor with the following initial conditions:

Pump speed = 400 rpm
Motor current = 40 amps
Pump head = 60 psid

If pump speed is increased to 1,600 rpm what will be the new pump head?

- A. 240 psid
- B. 480 psid
- C. 960 psid
- D. 1,440 psid

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B21 (N/A)

Which one of the following will increase reactor recirculation pump available net positive suction head? (Assume all other parameters remain constant.)

- A. Loss of feedwater heating while at 80% power
- B. Increase in reactor coolant temperature from 100°F to 200°F during a reactor startup
- C. Decrease in reactor pressure during a normal reactor shutdown
- D. Decrease in reactor water level from the normal level to just below the low-level alarm level

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]

QID: B25

What will occur by operating a positive displacement pump with insufficient net positive suction head?

- A. Slip
- B. Decreased pump speed
- C. Water hammer
- D. Vapor binding

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B121 (P1120)

Which one of the following operations in a closed system will cause a decrease in available net positive suction head for a centrifugal pump?

- A. Decreasing the inlet fluid temperature
- B. Increasing the pump discharge pressure
- C. Throttling open the pump suction valve
- D. Throttling open the pump discharge valve

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B222 (N/A)

Which one of the following conditions will result in a decrease in the available net positive suction head of a reactor recirculation pump?

- A. Carryunder decreases.
- B. Feedwater flow increases.
- C. Recirculation flow rate increases.
- D. Feedwater inlet subcooling increases.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B720 (N/A)

Which one of the following will decrease the available net positive suction head to the reactor recirculation pumps? (Assume all other parameters remain constant.)

- A. Increase in reactor water level from the normal level to just below the high-level alarm
- B. Increase in reactor coolant temperature from 100°F to 200°F during a reactor startup
- C. Increase in reactor pressure during a reactor startup
- D. Loss of feedwater heating while at 80% power

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B1120 (P114)

When flow from a centrifugal pump is increased by opening the discharge valve further, required net positive suction head (NPSH) _____, and available NPSH _____.

- A. decreases; decreases
- B. decreases; increases
- C. increases; increases
- D. increases; decreases

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B1222 (N/A)

Which one of the following changes in plant status will bring the reactor recirculation system closer to the condition in which the recirculation pump will cavitate?

- A. During a plant shutdown, reactor recirculation pump suction temperature decreases while reactor pressure remains constant.
- B. Reactor recirculation pump speed is increased.
- C. Reactor water level increases.
- D. Extraction steam is isolated from one high-pressure feed water heater during power operations.

ANSWER: B.

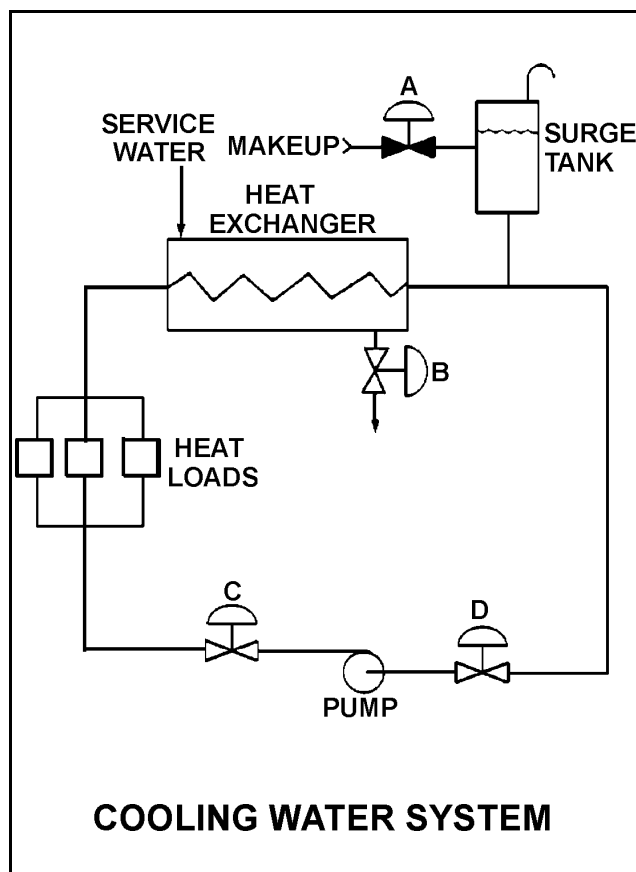
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B1621 (P1221)

Refer to the drawing of an operating cooling water system (see figure below).

Which one of the following will increase available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump?

- A. Opening surge tank makeup valve A briefly
- B. Throttling heat exchanger service water valve B partially closed
- C. Throttling pump discharge valve C partially open
- D. Throttling pump suction valve D partially closed

ANSWER: A.



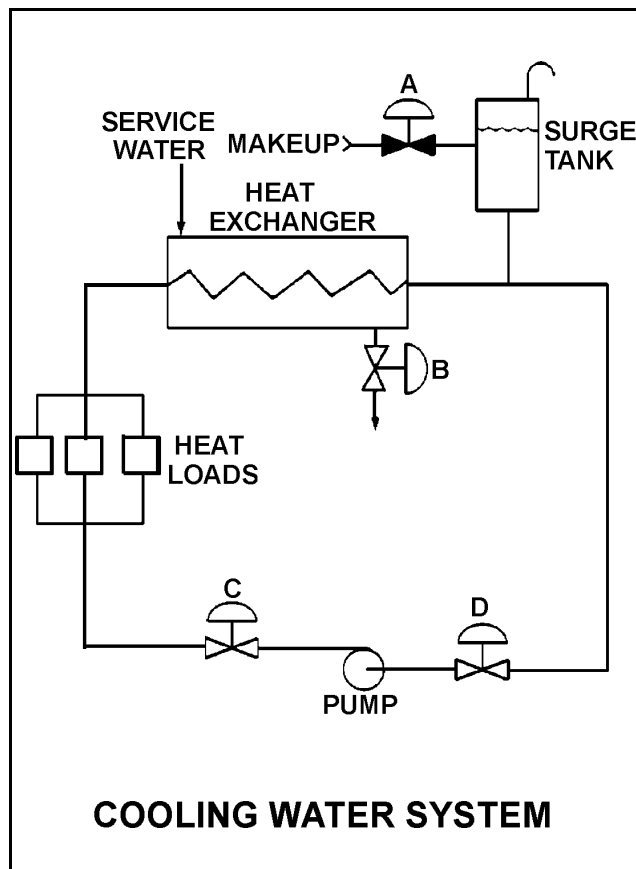
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B1918 (P1521)

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system (see figure below).

The available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump will be decreased by...

- A. opening surge tank makeup valve "A" to raise tank level.
- B. throttling heat exchanger service water valve "B" more open.
- C. throttling pump discharge valve "C" more open.
- D. reducing the heat loads on the cooling water system.

ANSWER: C.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2019 (P2025)

A variable-speed centrifugal pump is operating at rated speed in an open system. If the pump speed is decreased by 50%, available net positive suction head (NPSH) will _____ and required NPSH will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. increase; remain the same
- C. decrease; decrease
- D. decrease; remain the same

ANSWER: A.

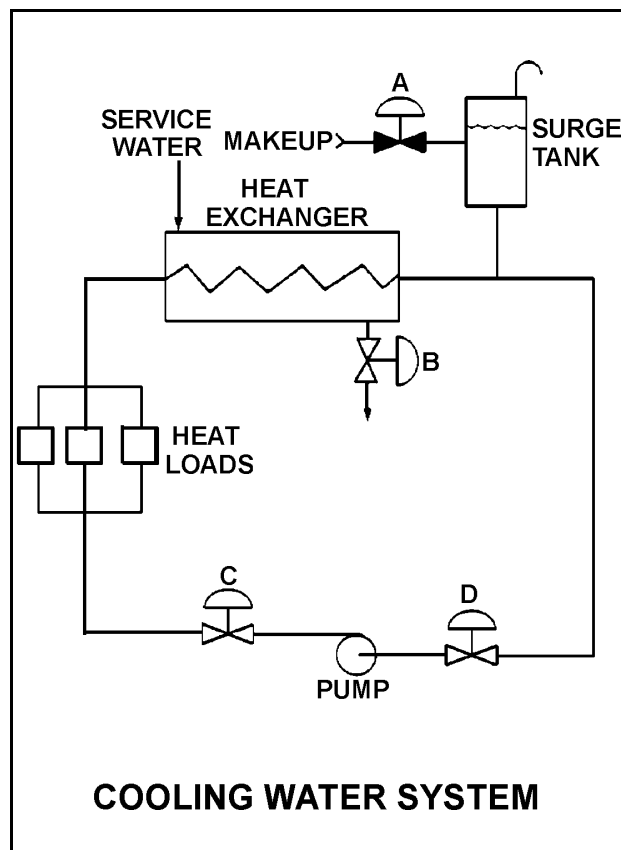
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2119 (P1822)

Refer to the drawing of an operating cooling water system (see figure below).

Which one of the following will increase available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump?

- A. Draining the surge tank to decrease level by 10%
- B. Positioning heat exchanger service water valve B more closed
- C. Positioning pump discharge valve C more closed
- D. Positioning pump suction valve D more closed

ANSWER: C.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2223 (P2125)

A motor-driven centrifugal pump is operating in an open system. If the pump discharge valve is fully opened from a throttled position, available net positive suction head (NPSH) will _____ and required NPSH will _____.

- A. increase; increase
- B. increase; remain the same
- C. decrease; increase
- D. decrease; remain the same

ANSWER: C.

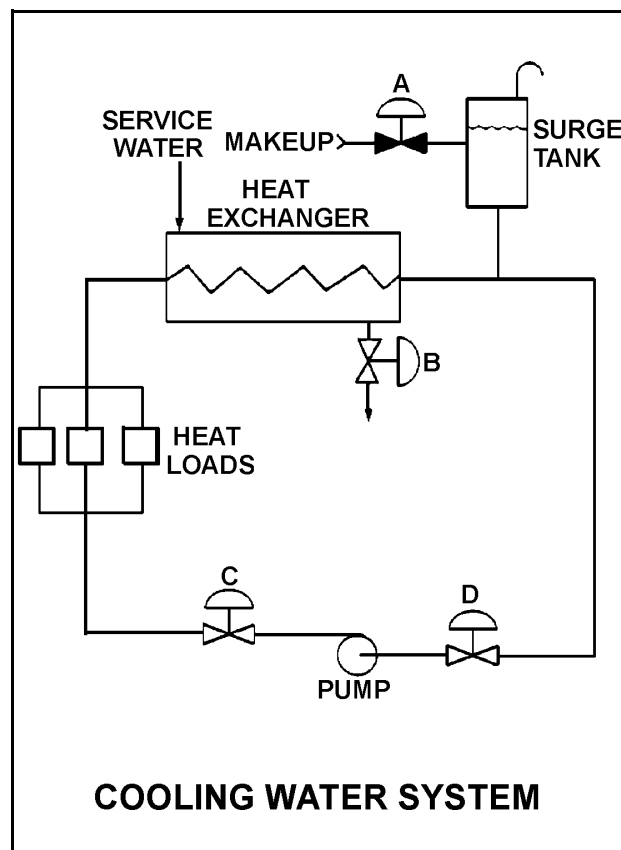
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2319 (P2323)

Refer to the drawing of an operating cooling water system (see figure below).

Which one of the following will decrease available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump?

- A. Adding water to the surge tank to raise level by 10%
- B. Positioning heat exchanger service water valve B more open
- C. Positioning pump discharge valve C more open
- D. Reducing heat loads on the cooling water system by 10%

ANSWER: C.



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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2420 (P2424)

A variable speed motor-driven centrifugal pump is operating at 50% speed in an open system. If the pump speed is increased to 100%, available net positive suction head (NPSH) will _____ and required NPSH will _____.

- A. increase; remain the same
- B. increase; increase
- C. decrease; remain the same
- D. decrease; increase

ANSWER: D.

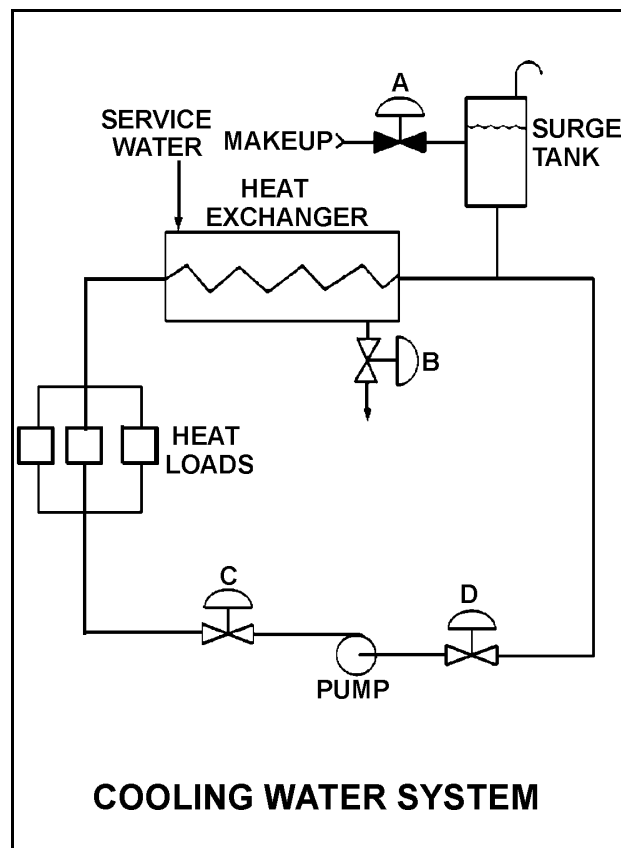
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2518 (P2222)

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system (see figure below).

The available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump will be decreased by...

- A. increasing surge tank level by 5 percent.
- B. throttling heat exchanger service water valve "B" more open.
- C. throttling pump discharge valve "C" more closed.
- D. increasing the heat loads on the cooling water system.

ANSWER: D.



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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2621 (P2621)

A cooling water pump is operating with pump suction parameters as follows:

Suction Temperature: 124°F
Suction Pressure: 11.7 psia

What is the approximate available net positive suction head (NPSH) for the pump? (Neglect the contribution of the suction fluid velocity to NPSH.)

- A. 23 feet
- B. 27 feet
- C. 31 feet
- D. 35 feet

ANSWER: A.

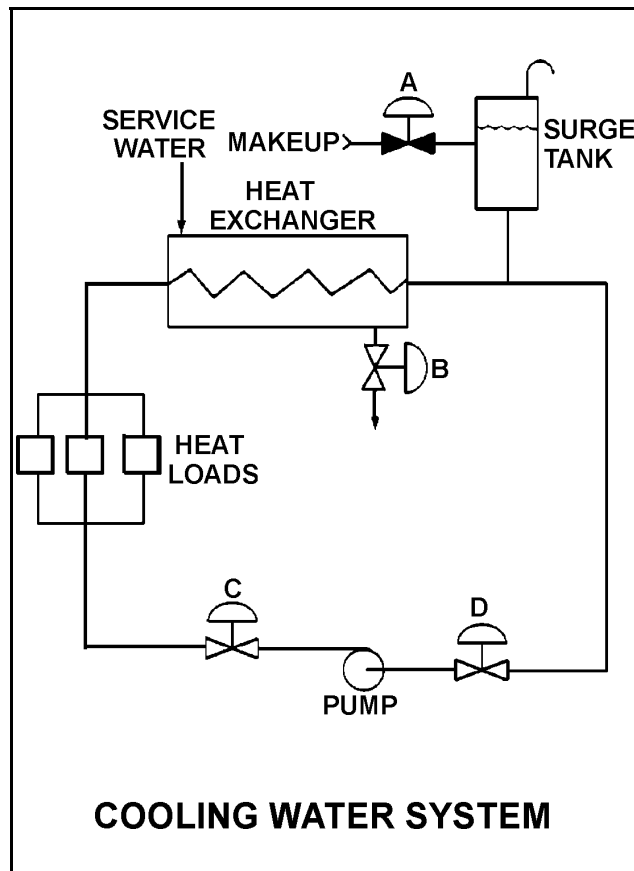
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QID: B2920 (P2921)

Refer to the drawing of an operating cooling water system (see figure below).

Which one of the following will increase the available net positive suction head for the centrifugal pump?

- A. Draining the surge tank to decrease level by 10%
- B. Positioning the service water valve B more closed
- C. Positioning the pump discharge valve C more open
- D. Reducing the heat loads on the cooling water system

ANSWER: D.



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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B3219

A centrifugal pump is taking suction on an open storage tank that has been filled to a level of 40 feet with 10,000 gallons of 60°F water. The pump is located at the base of the tank, takes a suction from the bottom of the tank, and discharges through a fire hose.

Given:

- The pump is currently operating at its design flow rate of 200 gpm and a total developed head of 150 feet.
- The pump requires 4 feet of net positive suction head (NPSH).

How will the centrifugal pump flow rate be affected as the water storage tank level decreases?

- A. Flow rate will remain constant until the pump begins to cavitate at a tank level of about 4 feet.
- B. Flow rate will remain constant until the pump becomes air bound when the tank empties.
- C. Flow rate will gradually decrease until the pump begins to cavitate at a tank level of about 4 feet.
- D. Flow rate will gradually decrease until the pump becomes air bound when the tank empties.

ANSWER: D.

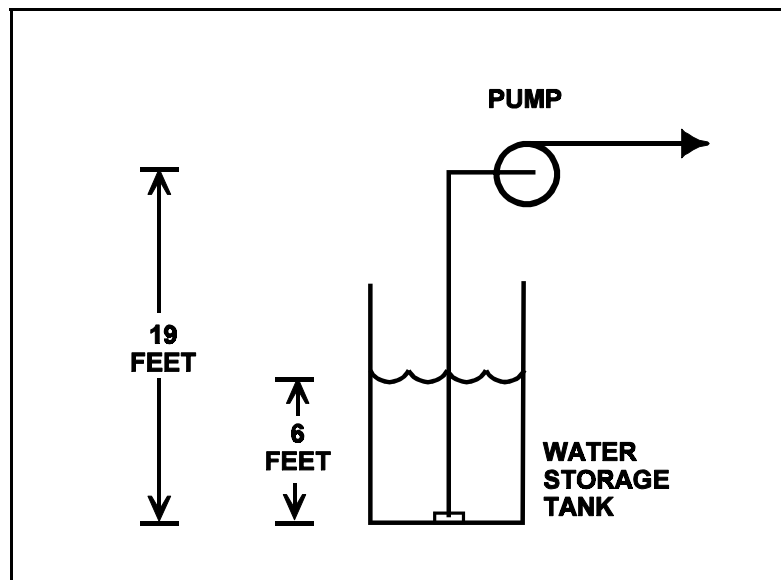
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KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B4011 (P4010)

Refer to the drawing below of a centrifugal pump taking suction from the bottom of an open storage tank containing water at 66°F. Pump and water level elevations are indicated in the figure. Assume standard atmospheric pressure.

Assuming that pump suction fluid velocity head loss is negligible, what is the approximate value of net positive suction head available to the pump.

- A. 6 feet
- B. 13 feet
- C. 20 feet
- D. 25 feet

ANSWER: C.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B115 (P1924)

A constant-speed centrifugal pump motor draws the least current when the pump is...

- A. at maximum rated flow conditions.
- B. operating on recirculation flow only.
- C. accelerating to normal speed during start.
- D. at shutoff head with no recirculation flow.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B119

A centrifugal pump is operating at normal discharge pressure and flow conditions with the discharge valve fully open. The discharge valve is throttled to the 50% open position. Which one of the following parameters will change for this throttled condition?

- A. Pump motor current decreases.
- B. Pump flow rate increases.
- C. Pump discharge head decreases.
- D. Available net positive suction head decreases.

ANSWER: A.

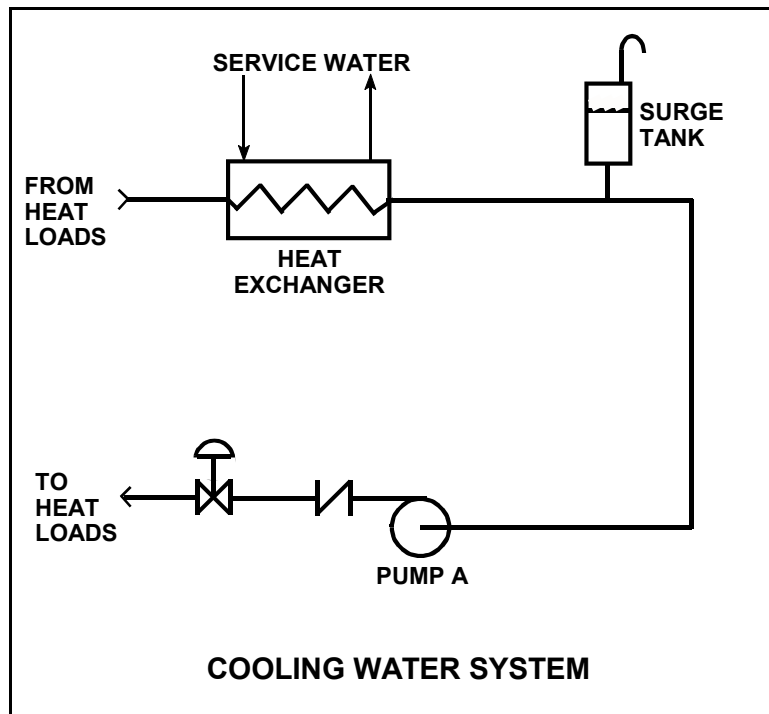
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B419 (P424)

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system (see figure below).

The centrifugal pump is circulating water at 100°F. After several hours the water temperature has increased to 200°F. Assuming system flow rate (gpm) is constant, pump motor amps will have _____ because _____.

- A. decreased; water density has decreased
- B. increased; water density has decreased
- C. decreased; pump shaft speed has increased
- D. increased; pump shaft speed has increased

ANSWER: A.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B922 (P1622)

An ac induction motor-driven centrifugal pump is circulating water at 180°F with a motor current of 100 amps. After several hours, system temperature has changed such that the water density has increased by 4%.

Assuming pump head and volumetric flow rate do not change, which one of the following is the new pump motor current?

- A. 84 amps
- B. 96 amps
- C. 104 amps
- D. 116 amps

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2020 (P2023)

A reactor recirculation pump is circulating reactor coolant at 150°F. After several hours the reactor coolant temperature has increased to 200°F.

Assuming recirculation pump flow rate (gpm) is constant, recirculation pump motor amps will have _____ because _____.

- A. decreased; coolant density has decreased
- B. decreased; system head losses have increased
- C. increased; coolant density has increased
- D. increased; system head losses have decreased

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2219 (P1420)

A centrifugal pump is circulating water at 150°F in a cooling water system. After several hours the water temperature has decreased to 100°F. Assuming system flow rate (gpm) is constant, pump motor amps will have _____ because _____ has increased.

- A. increased; water density
- B. increased; motor efficiency
- C. decreased; water density
- D. decreased; motor efficiency

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2423 (P2124)

A centrifugal pump in a cooling water system is circulating water at 180°F with a motor current of 200 amps. After several hours, system temperature has changed such that the water density has increased by 3%.

Assuming pump head remains the same, which one of the following is the new pump motor current?

- A. 203 amps
- B. 206 amps
- C. 218 amps
- D. 236 amps

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2520 (P2520)

A constant-speed centrifugal pump motor draws the most current when the pump is...

- A. at maximum rated flow conditions.
- B. operating at runout flow.
- C. accelerating to normal speed during start.
- D. at shutoff head with no recirculation flow.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2822 (P2821)

An ac motor-driven centrifugal pump was just started. During the start, motor current remained peaked for 6 seconds before decreasing to standard running current. Normally, the starting current peak lasts about 4 seconds.

Which one of the following could have caused the extended starting current peak?

- A. The pump shaft was seized and did not turn.
- B. The pump was initially rotating slowly in the reverse direction.
- C. The pump discharge check valve was stuck closed and did not open.
- D. The pump was initially air bound, and then primed itself after 6 seconds of operation.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.07 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2921 (P2925)

A centrifugal pump is circulating water at 180°F with a motor current of 200 amps. After several hours, system temperature has changed such that the water density has increased by 6%.

Assuming pump head and volumetric flow rate do not change, which one of the following is the new pump motor current?

- A. 203 amps
- B. 206 amps
- C. 212 amps
- D. 224 amps

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B519

Many large centrifugal pumps are interlocked so that the pump will not start unless its discharge valve is at least 90% closed. This interlock is provided to minimize the...

- A. duration of the pump motor starting current.
- B. required net positive suction head.
- C. loading on the pump thrust bearing.
- D. pump discharge pressure.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B619

Which one of the following pumps should be started with its discharge valve throttled?

- A. Centrifugal
- B. Gear
- C. Reciprocating
- D. Screw

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B821 (P2622)

Which one of the following contains two reasons for starting a centrifugal pump with the discharge piping filled and the discharge valve shut?

- A. Prevent pump runout and prevent motor overspeed
- B. Prevent pump runout and ensure lubrication of pump seals
- C. Prevent water hammer and ensure adequate pump recirculation flow
- D. Prevent water hammer and prevent excessive starting current

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1822 (P1325)

Some large centrifugal pumps are interlocked so that the pump will not start unless its discharge valve is at least 90% fully closed. This interlock is provided to minimize...

- A. pump discharge pressure.
- B. heating of the pumped fluid.
- C. the potential for cavitation at the pump suction.
- D. the duration of the pump motor starting current.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B2120 (P624)

Which one of the following specifies the proper pump discharge valve position and the basis for that position when starting a large centrifugal pump?

- A. Discharge valve fully open to reduce duration of motor starting current
- B. Discharge valve throttled to reduce duration of motor starting current
- C. Discharge valve fully open to ensure adequate pump net positive suction head
- D. Discharge valve throttled to ensure adequate pump net positive suction head

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B520 (P2322)

A centrifugal fire water pump takes a suction on an open storage tank and discharges through a fire hose. Which one of the following will cause the pump to operate at shutoff head?

- A. The fire hose nozzle is raised to an elevation that prevents any flow.
- B. Suction temperature is increased to the point that gas binding occurs.
- C. Pump speed is adjusted to the value at which cavitation occurs.
- D. Suction pressure is adjusted until available net positive suction head is reduced to zero feet.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B1823 (P109)

When a centrifugal pump is operating at shutoff head, it is pumping at _____ capacity and _____ discharge head.

- A. maximum; minimum
- B. maximum; maximum
- C. minimum; minimum
- D. minimum; maximum

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B2018 (P2022)

A variable-speed centrifugal fire water pump is taking a suction on an open storage tank and discharging through a 4-inch diameter fire hose and through a nozzle located 50 feet above the pump.

Which one of the following will cause the pump to operate at shutoff head?

- A. The fire hose is replaced with a 6-inch diameter fire hose.
- B. The fire hose is replaced with a 2-inch diameter fire hose.
- C. Pump speed is increased until steam formation at the eye of the pump prevents pump flow.
- D. Pump speed is decreased until pump discharge pressure is insufficient to cause flow.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B2121 (P1523)

Which one of the following describes centrifugal pump operating parameters at shutoff head?

- A. High discharge pressure, low flow, low power demand
- B. High discharge pressure, high flow, low power demand
- C. Low discharge pressure, low flow, high power demand
- D. Low discharge pressure, high flow, high power demand

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B2721 (P2721)

A centrifugal fire water pump takes a suction on an open storage tank and discharges through a fire hose. Which one of the following will cause the pump to operate at shutoff head?

- A. A firefighter inadvertently severs the fire hose.
- B. The fire hose becomes completely crimped in a fire door.
- C. Fire water storage tank level drops below the pump suction tap.
- D. A firefighter adjusts the fire hose nozzle spray pattern from “deluge” to “fog.”

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.4/2.5]
QID: B3320 (P2820)

A centrifugal fire water pump takes a suction on an open storage tank and discharges through a fire hose. Which one of the following will cause the pump to operate at shutoff head?

- A. A firefighter inadvertently severs the fire hose.
- B. The fire hose becomes partially crimped in a fire door.
- C. Fire water storage tank level drops below the pump suction tap.
- D. A firefighter adjusts the fire hose nozzle spray pattern from “deluge” to “off”.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B23

Which one of the following will occur if a motor-driven centrifugal pump is operated continuously at runout conditions?

- A. Pump failure due to excessive pump cavitation
- B. Pump failure due to overheating caused by the increased impeller-to-casing friction
- C. Motor failure due to excessive current being drawn through the motor windings
- D. Motor failure due to overheating caused by increased windage losses

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B321

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated conditions in an open system. If a system transient results in the pump operating at runout, which one of the following indications will be present?

- A. Increased discharge pressure
- B. Decreased pump motor current
- C. Increased pump vibration
- D. Decreased pump flow rate

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B424

Operating a motor-driven centrifugal pump under "pump runout" conditions causes...

- A. pump overheating, cavitation, and ultimately pump failure.
- B. excessive motor current to be drawn, damage to the motor windings, and ultimately motor failure.
- C. excessive motor current to be drawn, overheating of pump and motor bearings, and ultimately pump failure.
- D. no damage, because most pumps and motors are designed to operate without failure under pump runout conditions.

ANSWER: B.

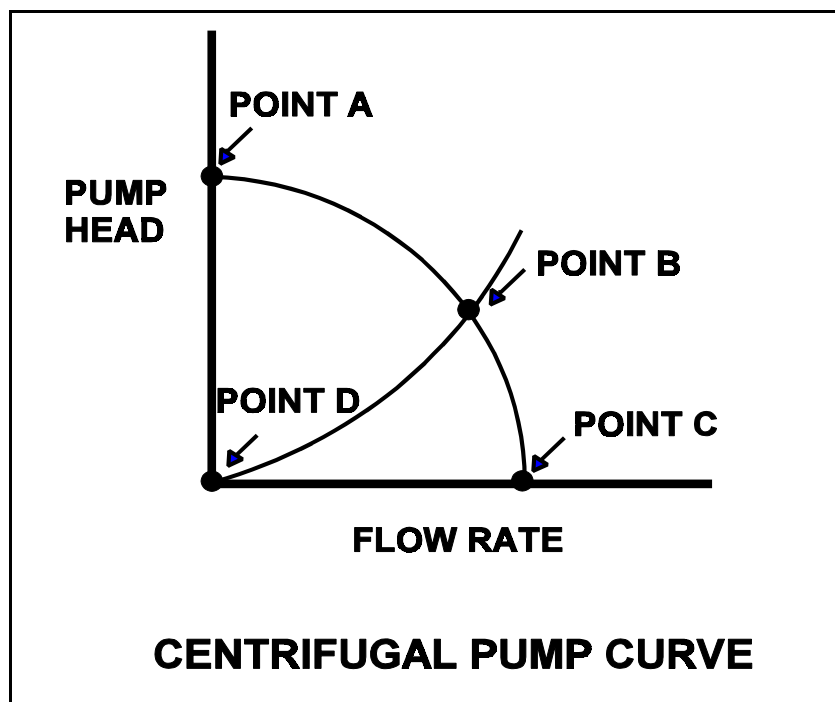
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1024 (P1721)

Refer to the drawing of a centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

At which operating point will pump runout occur?

- A. Point A
- B. Point B
- C. Point C
- D. Point D

ANSWER: C.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1323 (P1623)

A centrifugal pump is operating at maximum design flow rate, delivering water through two parallel valves. Valve A is 1/2 open, and valve B is 1/4 open.

Which one of the following will occur if both valves are fully opened?

- A. The pump will immediately operate at shutoff head.
- B. The pump available net positive suction head (NPSH) will increase.
- C. The pump required NPSH will decrease.
- D. The pump will immediately operate at runout conditions.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1425

What is caused by operating a motor-driven centrifugal pump under runout conditions?

- A. Pump failure due to overspeed of the pump impeller
- B. Pump failure due to excessive pump cavitation
- C. Motor failure due to excessive motor winding current
- D. Motor failure due to loss of cooling from pumped fluid

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B1920 (P1123)

Which one of the following describes centrifugal pump runout conditions?

- A. High discharge pressure, low flow, high power demand
- B. High discharge pressure, high flow, low power demand
- C. Low discharge pressure, low flow, low power demand
- D. Low discharge pressure, high flow, high power demand

ANSWER: D.

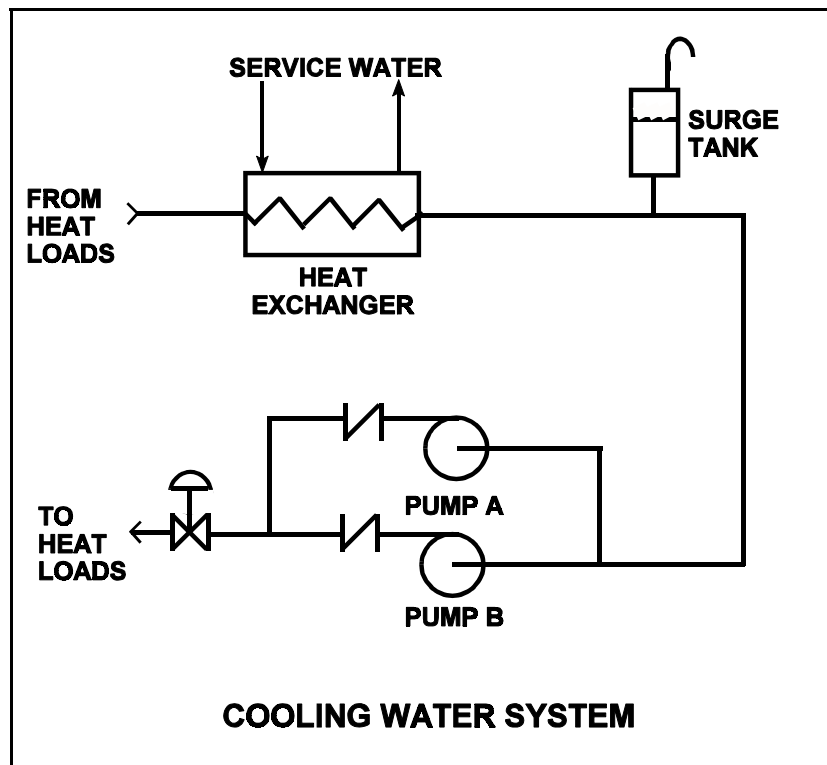
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.12 [2.8/2.8]
QID: B3910 (P3910)

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system in which only centrifugal pump A is operating and the common pump discharge valve is currently 90% open (see figure below).

An abnormal total heat load on the cooling water system is causing pump A to approach operation at runout conditions. Which one of the following will cause pump A to operate farther away from runout conditions? (Assume that satisfactory available net positive suction head is maintained at all times.)

- A. Starting pump B.
- B. Positioning the discharge valve to 100% open.
- C. Raising the water level in the surge tank by 2 feet.
- D. Decreasing heat exchanger service water flow rate by 10%.

ANSWER: A.



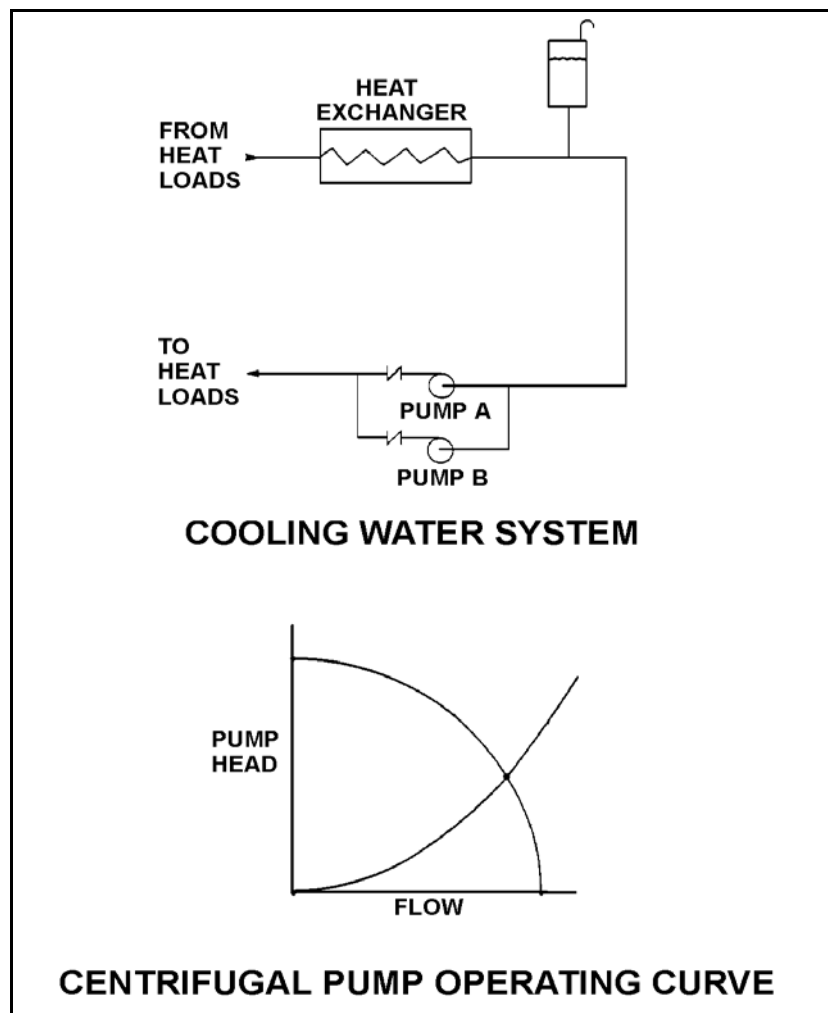
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B325

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

Pumps A and B are identical single-speed centrifugal pumps and only pump A is operating. If pump B is started, system flow rate will be _____ and common pump discharge pressure will be _____.

- A. the same; higher
- B. higher; the same
- C. the same; the same
- D. higher; higher

ANSWER: D.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B521 (P2224)

A motor-driven centrifugal pump is operating in an open system with its discharge valve throttled to 50%. How will the pump be affected if the discharge valve is fully opened?

- A. Total developed head decreases and motor current decreases.
- B. Available net positive suction head (NPSH) decreases, and pump differential pressure decreases.
- C. Total developed head increases and available NPSH decreases.
- D. The potential for pump cavitation decreases, and pump differential pressure decreases.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B622

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated conditions in an open system with all valves fully open. If the pump discharge valve is throttled to 50% closed, pump discharge pressure will _____ and pump motor current will _____.

- A. decrease; decrease
- B. decrease; increase
- C. increase; increase
- D. increase; decrease

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B722 (P723)

Refer to the drawing of a lube oil temperature control system and the associated centrifugal pump/system operating curves (see figure below) with the temperature control valve at mid-position.

If the temperature control valve modulates farther closed, the centrifugal pump operating point will move along curve _____, and become closer to point _____. (Assume that no other system component changes occur.)

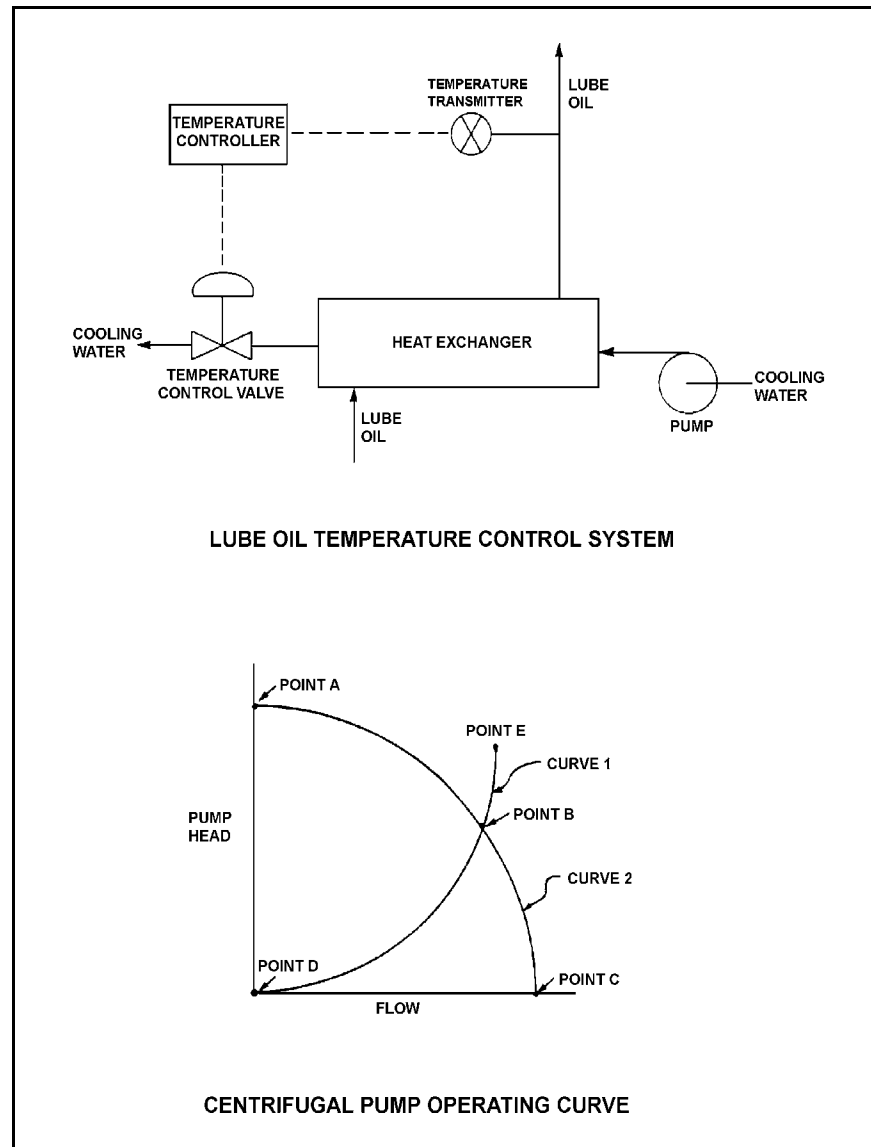
A. 1; D

B. 2; A

C. 1; E

D. 2; C

ANSWER: B.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B823

Which one of the following actions will correct a cavitating centrifugal pump?

- A. Increasing the pump speed
- B. Lowering the pump suction pressure
- C. Lowering the pump suction temperature
- D. Cycling the pump off and on a few times

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B1122

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated conditions in an open system. If the pump discharge valve is fully closed, pump discharge pressure will _____ and motor current will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. decrease; decrease
- C. increase; increase
- D. decrease; increase

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B1423 (P623)

Refer to the drawing of a lube oil temperature control system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

The pump is operating at point B on the operating curve. If the temperature control valve modulates farther open, operating point B will be located on curve _____, closer to point _____ . (The options below refer to curves 1 and 2 exactly as shown in the figure.)

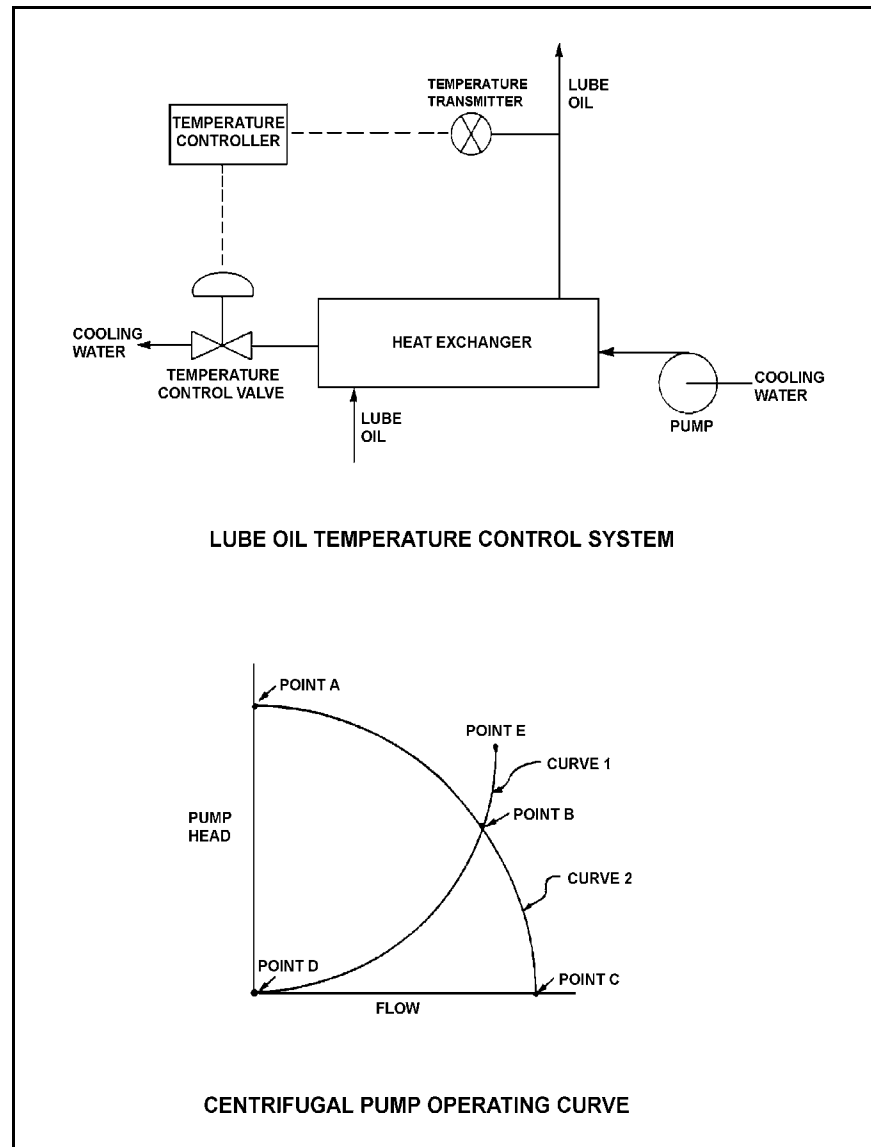
A. 1; D

B. 2; A

C. 1; E

D. 2; C

ANSWER: D.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B1522

Which one of the following components of a centrifugal pump has the specific primary function of increasing the kinetic energy of a fluid?

- A. Volute
- B. Impeller
- C. Diffuser
- D. Discharge nozzle

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B1722 (P1725)

A typical single-stage radial-flow centrifugal pump is being returned to service following maintenance on its ac motor. Which one of the following will occur when the pump is started if two of the three motor power leads were inadvertently swapped during restoration?

- A. The motor breaker will trip on instantaneous overcurrent.
- B. The motor will not turn and will emit a humming sound.
- C. The pump will rotate in the reverse direction with reduced or no flow rate.
- D. The pump will rotate in the normal direction with reduced flow rate.

ANSWER: C.

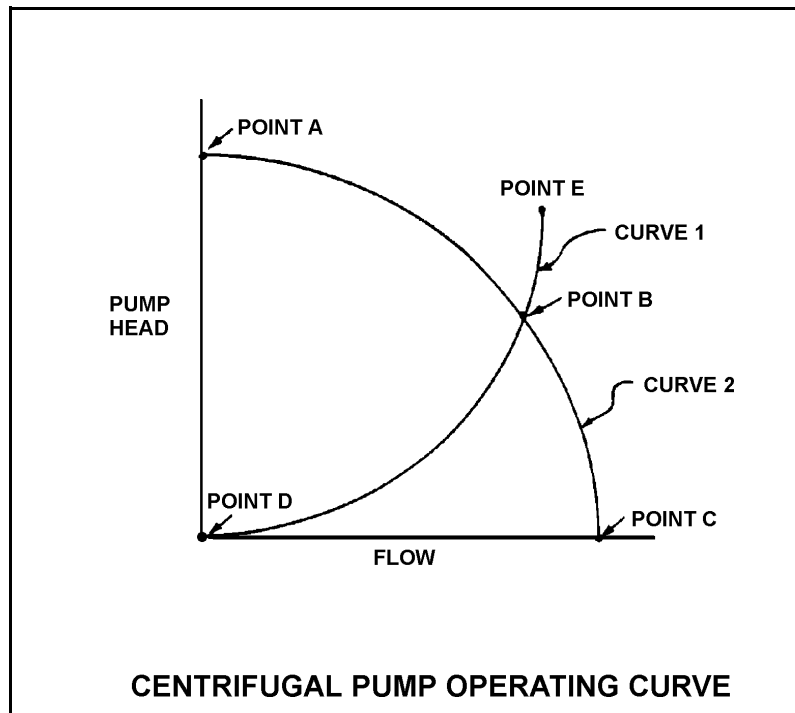
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B2323 (P2325)

Refer to the drawing of a centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

A centrifugal pump is currently operating at point B. If the pump speed is reduced by one-half, the new operating point will be located on curve _____, closer to point _____.
(Assume that no other changes occur in the system.)

- A. 1; D
- B. 2; A
- C. 1; E
- D. 2; C

ANSWER: A.



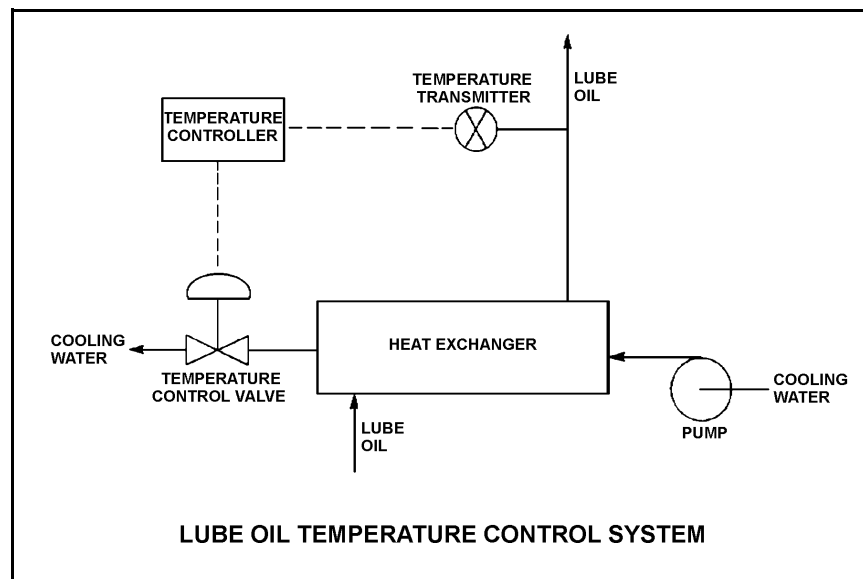
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B2422 (P2422)

Refer to the drawing of a lube oil temperature control system (see figure below).

The pump is operating with the temperature control valve one-half open. If the temperature control valve modulates farther closed, system head loss will _____ and pump head will _____.

- A. increase, decrease
- B. increase, increase
- C. decrease, decrease
- D. decrease, increase

ANSWER: B.



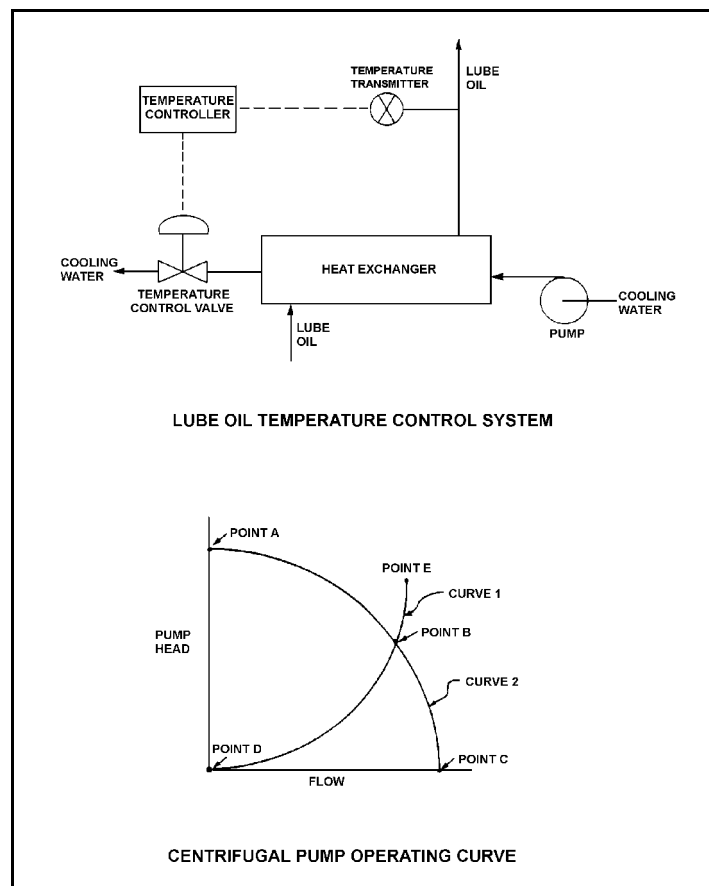
TOPIC: 291004
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QID: B2524 (P2523)

Refer to the drawing of a lube oil temperature control system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

If the pump is operating at point B, how will the operating point change if the temperature controller setpoint is decreased by 10°F?

- A. Operating point B will be located on curve 1 closer to point E.
- B. Operating point B will be located on curve 1 closer to point D.
- C. Operating point B will be located on curve 2 closer to point A.
- D. Operating point B will be located on curve 2 closer to point C.

ANSWER: D.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B2622 (P2624)

Which one of the following describes a reason for designing centrifugal pumps with suction nozzles that are larger than their discharge nozzles?

- A. Increases total pump head by increasing the velocity head at the suction of the pump.
- B. Increases the differential pressure across the pump by decreasing pump head loss.
- C. Increases pump available net positive suction head by decreasing head loss at the pump suction.
- D. Increases pump capacity by decreasing turbulence at the suction of the pump.

ANSWER: C.

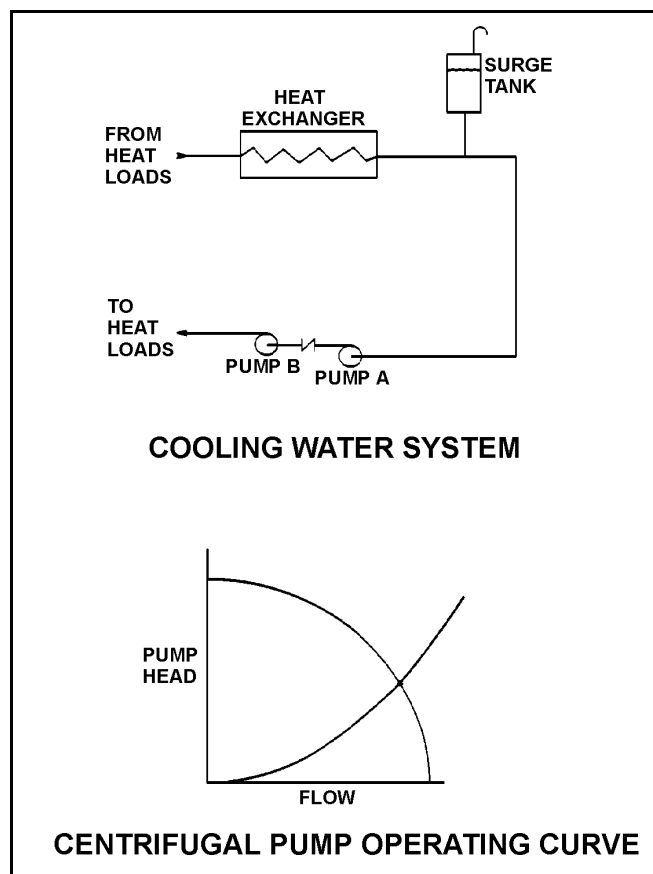
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B2623

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

Pumps A and B are identical single-speed centrifugal pumps and both pumps are operating. If pump B trips, after the system stabilizes, system flow rate will be...

- A. more than one-half the original flow.
- B. one-half the original flow.
- C. less than one-half the original flow.
- D. the same; only the pump head will change.

ANSWER: A.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B3022 (P3020)

A centrifugal pump is needed to take suction on a hot water storage tank and deliver high pressure hot water to a water spray system. To minimize axial thrust on the pump shaft, the pump should have _____ stage(s); and to maximize the available NPSH at the impeller inlet, the pump should be _____ suction.

- A. a single; single
- B. a single; double
- C. multiple opposed; single
- D. multiple opposed; double

Answer: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.13 [2.6/2.7]
QID: B3522

A single-speed centrifugal pump is needed to supply river water to a storage facility. The pump must be capable of providing a very high flow rate at a low discharge pressure. Which one of the following types of centrifugal pumps is best suited for this application?

- A. Single-stage, axial flow
- B. Single-stage, radial flow
- C. Multiple-stage, axial flow
- D. Multiple-stage, radial flow

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B24

A single-speed centrifugal fire pump takes suction on a water storage tank and discharges through a flexible fire hose. Which one of the following describes the response of the pump discharge flow rate?

- A. Decreases as the level in the storage tank decreases
- B. Increases as the height of the fire hose nozzle is increased
- C. Remains constant as the level in the storage tank decreases
- D. Remains constant as the height of the fire hose nozzle is increased

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B623

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated conditions in an open system with all valves fully open. If the pump suction valve is throttled to 50% closed, pump suction pressure will _____ and pump flow rate will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. decrease; remain the same
- C. increase; remain the same
- D. decrease; decrease

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B723 (P724)

A centrifugal pump is operating normally in an open system. If the pump recirculation valve is opened farther, pump discharge pressure will _____ and pump flow rate will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. decrease; increase
- C. increase; increase
- D. decrease; decrease

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B1123 (P826)

If the fully-open discharge valve of a reciprocating positive displacement pump is throttled closed approximately 10%, pump flow rate will _____ and pump head will _____. (Assume "ideal" pump response.)

- A. decrease; increase
- B. remain constant; increase
- C. decrease; remain constant
- D. remain constant; remain constant

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B1421 (P1421)

A centrifugal pump is operating at rated conditions in an open system with all valves fully open. If the pump discharge valve is throttled to 50%, pump suction pressure will _____ and pump discharge pressure will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. decrease; increase
- C. increase; increase
- D. decrease; decrease

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B2722 (P2722)

A centrifugal pump is operating at maximum design flow rate, taking suction on a vented water storage tank and discharging through two parallel valves. Valve "A" is fully open and valve "B" is half open.

Which one of the following will occur if valve B is fully closed?

- A. The pump will operate at shutoff head.
- B. The pump will operate at runout conditions.
- C. The pump available net positive suction head will increase.
- D. The pump required net positive suction head will increase.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B2825 (P2224)

A motor-driven centrifugal pump is operating in an open system with its discharge valve throttled to 50%. How will the pump be affected if the discharge valve is fully opened?

- A. Motor current decreases and total developed head decreases.
- B. Available net positive suction head (NPSH) decreases, and pump differential pressure decreases.
- C. Total developed head increases and available NPSH decreases.
- D. The potential for pump cavitation decreases, and pump differential pressure decreases.

ANSWER: B.

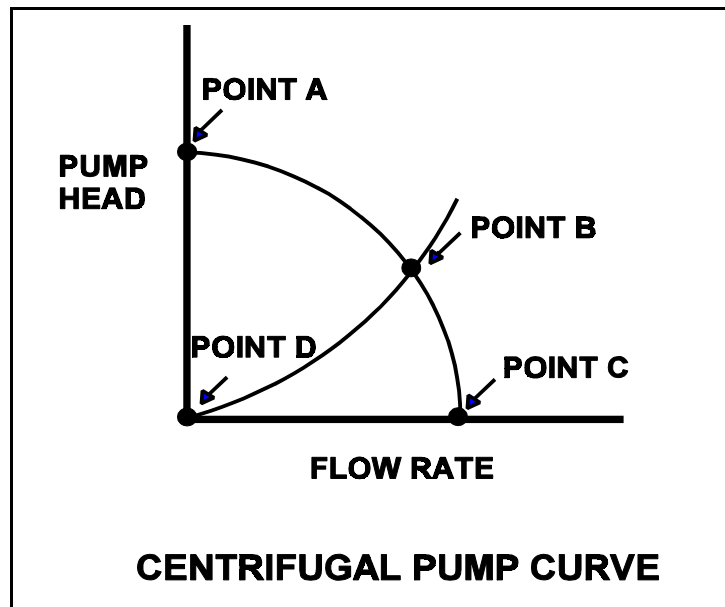
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B2924 (P2924)

Refer to the drawing of a centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below).

A centrifugal pump operating in a cooling water system exhibits the operating curve shown below. Which one of the following points on the curve will be closest to the pump operating conditions after the pump suction valve is inadvertently closed?

- A. Point A
- B. Point B
- C. Point C
- D. Point D

ANSWER: D.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B3623 (P3623)

A centrifugal firewater pump is operating to pressurize a fire main. The pump takes suction on a water reservoir. The reservoir water level and the pump are both at sea level.

Given:

- The pump has a shutoff head of 100 feet.
- The required net positive suction head (NPSH) for the pump is 15 feet.
- The reservoir water temperature is 60°F.
- A fire hose connected to the fire main is being used to suppress an elevated fire.

At which one of the following elevations (referenced to sea level) will the fire hose spray nozzle first be unable to provide flow? (Disregard head loss in the fire main and fire hose.)

- A. 86 feet
- B. 101 feet
- C. 116 feet
- D. 135 feet

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.5/2.5]
QID: B3911 (P3912)

A centrifugal firewater pump is operating to pressurize a fire main. The pump takes suction from a water reservoir. A fire hose connected to the fire main is being used to suppress an elevated fire.

Given:

- The pump eye is located 5 feet above the reservoir water level.
- The pump has a design shutoff head of 120 feet.
- The required net positive suction head (NPSH) for the pump is 15 feet.
- The reservoir water temperature is 60°F.

At which one of the following elevations above the pump eye will the fire hose spray nozzle first be unable to provide flow? (Disregard all sources of system frictional head loss.)

- A. 111 feet
- B. 116 feet
- C. 121 feet
- D. 126 feet

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.15 [2.9/2.9]
QID: B224

Failing to provide adequate minimum flow for a centrifugal pump can directly result in...

- A. discharge piping overpressurization.
- B. suction piping overpressurization.
- C. excessive pump leakoff.
- D. pump overheating.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.15 [2.9/2.9]
QID: B624

A centrifugal pump is susceptible to overheating and possible cavitation while operating with its discharge valve closed, unless...

- A. the pump is steam driven.
- B. the suction valve is also closed.
- C. pump seal cooling is provided.
- D. minimum flow protection is provided.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.15 [2.9/2.9]
QID: B1623

Which one of the following describes the typical purpose of minimum flow piping for a centrifugal pump?

- A. Prevent pump runout during high flow conditions.
- B. Prevent vortexing at the pump suction during high flow conditions.
- C. Ensure adequate net positive suction head during low flow conditions.
- D. Ensure adequate pump cooling during low flow conditions.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B323 (P326)

A positive displacement pump (PDP) is operating in an open system. PDP parameters are as follows:

PDP speed	=	1000 rpm
PDP discharge pressure	=	2000 psig
PDP suction pressure	=	50 psig
PDP flow rate	=	150 gpm

Which one of the following changes will cause PDP flow rate to exceed 200 gpm?

- A. A second identical discharge path is opened.
- B. PDP speed is increased to 1500 rpm.
- C. PDP suction pressure is increased to 120 psig.
- D. Downstream system pressure is decreased to 1000 psig.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B824

The volumetric flow rate of a positive displacement pump is directly proportional to the:

- A. fluid density.
- B. motor horsepower.
- C. slip ratio.
- D. pump speed.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B1021 (P2223)

A centrifugal pump is operating in parallel with a positive displacement pump in an open water system. Each pump has the same maximum design pressure.

If pump discharge pressure increases to the maximum design pressure of each pump, the centrifugal pump will be operating at _____ flow and the positive displacement pump will be operating near _____ flow.

- A. minimum; minimum
- B. minimum; maximum rated
- C. maximum rated; minimum
- D. maximum rated; maximum rated

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B1424

A positive displacement pump is operating at a constant speed in an open system with its suction and discharge valves fully open. Which one of the following will increase if the pump discharge valve is throttled to 50% closed?

- A. Proximity to cavitation
- B. Required net positive suction head
- C. Pump flow rate
- D. Pump slip

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B1525 (P1526)

A positive displacement pump (PDP) is operating in an open system. PDP parameters are as follows:

PDP speed	=	480 rpm
PDP discharge pressure	=	1000 psig
PDP suction pressure	=	10 psig
PDP flow rate	=	60 gpm

Which one of the following changes will cause PDP flow rate to exceed 100 gpm?

- A. A second identical discharge path is opened.
- B. PDP speed is increased to 900 rpm.
- C. PDP suction pressure is increased to 40 psig.
- D. Downstream system pressure is decreased to 500 psig.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B1824 (P2126)

A variable-speed positive displacement pump is operating at 100 rpm with a flow rate of 60 gpm in an open system. To decrease pump flow rate to 25 gpm, pump speed must be decreased to approximately...

- A. 17 rpm.
- B. 33 rpm.
- C. 41 rpm.
- D. 62 rpm.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B1919 (P1726)

An ideal (no slip) reciprocating positive displacement pump is operating to provide makeup water to a reactor coolant system that is being maintained at 2200 psig. The discharge valve of the pump was found to be throttled to 80% open.

If the valve is subsequently fully opened, pump flow rate will _____ and pump head will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. remain constant; decrease
- C. increase; remain constant
- D. remain constant; remain constant

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B2525 (P2526)

Which one of the following conditions will result in the greatest increase in volumetric flow rate in a water system with one positive displacement pump operating at 400 rpm and a discharge pressure of 100 psig?

- A. Increasing pump speed to 700 rpm
- B. Decreasing pump discharge pressure to 40 psig
- C. Starting a second identical positive displacement pump in series with the first
- D. Starting a second identical positive displacement pump in parallel with the first

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B2724 (P2724)

Which one of the following conditions will result in the greatest increase in volumetric flow rate from a positive displacement pump operating at 300 rpm and a discharge pressure of 100 psig?

- A. Increasing pump speed to 700 rpm
- B. Decreasing pump discharge pressure to 40 psig
- C. Starting a second identical positive displacement pump in series with the first
- D. Starting a second identical positive displacement pump in parallel with the first

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B2925 (P2926)

An ideal (no slip) reciprocating positive displacement pump is operating in an open system to provide makeup water to a coolant system that is being maintained at 800 psig. The discharge valve of the pump is full open.

If the pump discharge valve is subsequently throttled to 80% open, pump flow rate will _____ and pump head will _____.

- A. decrease; increase
- B. decrease; remain constant
- C. remain constant; increase
- D. remain constant; remain constant

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B3224 (P925)

A variable-speed positive displacement pump is operating at 100 rpm with a flow rate of 60 gpm in an open system. To decrease pump flow rate to 30 gpm, pump speed must be decreased to approximately...

- A. 25 rpm.
- B. 33 rpm.
- C. 50 rpm.
- D. 71 rpm.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.16 [2.5/2.7]
QID: B3722 (P3730)

A rotary positive displacement pump (PDP) is being used to supply water to a piping system. The PDP is driven by an ac induction motor. The initial parameters are:

System pressure: 500 psig
PDP flow rate: 50 gpm
PDP motor current: 40 amps

After several hours, the PDP motor speed is increased such that the new PDP flow rate is 100 gpm. If system pressure does not change, what is the approximate value of the PDP motor current at the 100 gpm flow rate?

- A. 80 amps
- B. 160 amps
- C. 320 amps
- D. 640 amps

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.17 [2.5/2.6]
QID: B324 (P322)

The available net positive suction head for a pump may be expressed as...

- A. discharge pressure minus saturation pressure of the fluid being pumped.
- B. discharge pressure minus suction pressure.
- C. suction pressure minus saturation pressure of the fluid being pumped.
- D. suction pressure plus discharge pressure.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.17 [2.5/2.6]
QID: B825

Which one of the following will occur as a direct result of operating a positive displacement pump with insufficient net positive suction head?

- A. Increased slip
- B. Decreased pump speed
- C. Increased flow rate
- D. Vapor binding

ANSWER: D.

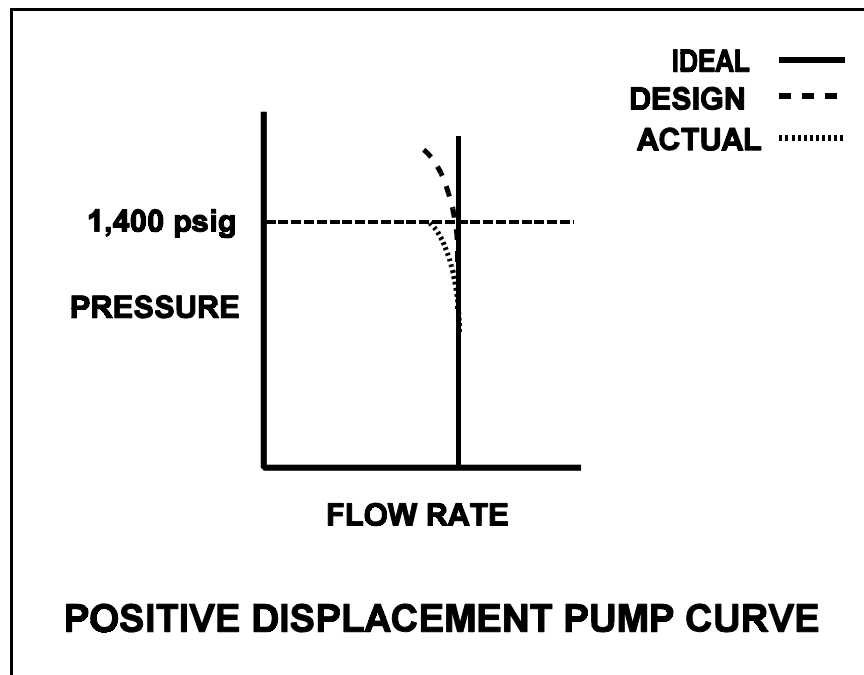
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.17 [2.5/2.6]
QID: B2824 (P2826)

A section of reactor coolant piping is being hydrostatically tested to 1,400 psig using a positive displacement pump. The operating characteristics of the positive displacement pump are shown below identifying ideal, design, and actual pump performance during the test.

Which one of the following could have caused the observed difference between the design and the actual pump performance?

- A. Available NPSH decreased to slightly above the required NPSH for the pump.
- B. Available NPSH decreased to slightly below the required NPSH for the pump.
- C. A relief valve on the pump discharge piping failed to open at its setpoint of 1,400 psig.
- D. A relief valve on the pump discharge piping opened prior to its setpoint of 1,400 psig.

ANSWER: B.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.18 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B1125 (P1425)

Which one of the following describes the proper location for a relief valve that will be used to prevent exceeding the design pressure of a positive displacement pump and associated piping?

- A. On the pump discharge piping upstream of the discharge isolation valve
- B. On the pump discharge piping downstream of the discharge isolation valve
- C. On the pump suction piping upstream of the suction isolation valve
- D. On the pump suction piping downstream of the suction isolation valve

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.18 [3.3/3.3]
QID: B2425 (P626)

What is the purpose of the safety/relief valve located between the pump outlet and the discharge isolation valve of most positive displacement pumps?

- A. Protect the pump and suction piping from overpressure if the discharge valve is open during system startup.
- B. Protect the pump and suction piping from overpressure if the suction valve is closed during pump operation.
- C. Protect the pump and discharge piping from overpressure if the discharge valve is closed during pump operation.
- D. Protect the pump and discharge piping from overpressure due to thermal expansion of pump contents when the pump is shutdown with its suction valve closed.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.19 [2.6/2.6]
QID: B1625

A pump that moves liquid by means of a piston within a cylinder that displaces a given volume of fluid for each stroke is a _____ pump.

- A. centrifugal
- B. screw
- C. reciprocating
- D. radial

ANSWER: C.

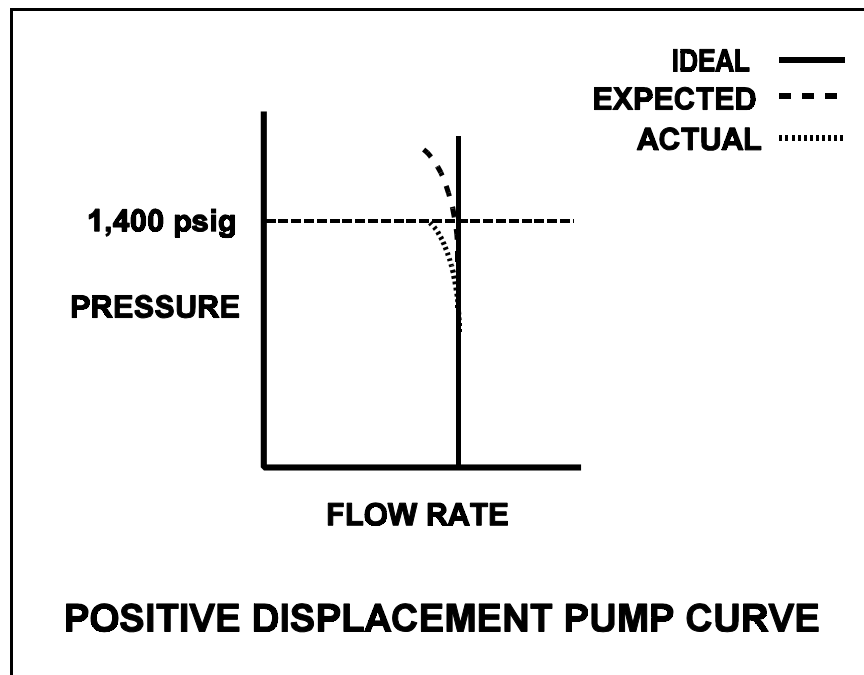
TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.19 [2.6/2.6]
QID: B2624 (P2626)

A section of reactor coolant piping is being hydrostatically tested to 1,400 psig using a positive displacement pump. The operating characteristics of the positive displacement pump are shown below, identifying ideal, expected, and actual pump performance.

Which one of the following could cause the observed difference between the expected and the actual pump performance?

- A. Pump internal leakage is greater than expected.
- B. Reactor coolant piping boundary valve leakage is greater than expected.
- C. Available NPSH has decreased more than expected, but remains slightly above required NPSH.
- D. A relief valve on the pump discharge piping has opened prior to its setpoint of 1,400 psig.

ANSWER: A.



TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.19 [2.6/2.6]
QID: B3025 (P3024)

A pump is needed to supply fuel oil from a day tank to a diesel fuel injection system. The pump must maintain a nearly constant flow rate with a minimum of discharge pressure fluctuations as system pressure varies between 200 psig and 1900 psig.

Which one of the following types of pumps would typically be used in this application?

- A. Axial flow centrifugal
- B. Radial flow centrifugal
- C. Rotary positive displacement
- D. Reciprocating positive displacement

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.20 [3.1/3.1]
QID: B117

Prior to starting a positive displacement pump, the discharge valve should be open to...

- A. prevent rupturing the pump casing.
- B. limit the pump motor starting time.
- C. ensure the pump casing fills by backflow.
- D. reduce pressure fluctuations in the discharge piping.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.20 [3.1/3.1]
QID: B923

A _____ pump in a liquid system should be started with its discharge valve _____ to avoid rupturing the pump casing and/or discharge piping.

- A. centrifugal; fully closed
- B. centrifugal; fully open
- C. positive displacement; fully closed
- D. positive displacement; fully open

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.21 [3.1/3.0]
QID: B525 (P1923)

A positive displacement pump should be started with its suction valve _____ and its discharge valve _____.

- A. closed; closed
- B. closed; open
- C. open; closed
- D. open; open

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 291004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.21 [3.1/3.1]
QID: B1724 (P1722)

A positive displacement pump should be started with its suction valve _____ and its discharge valve _____.

- A. throttled; throttled
- B. throttled; fully open
- C. fully open; throttled
- D. fully open; fully open

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191004
KNOWLEDGE: K1.22 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P3525 (B1680)

A positive displacement pump is pumping to a system operating at 100 psig. Assume a constant pump speed, zero pump slip, and a pump backpressure that remains within normal pump operating limits.

If system pressure increases to 200 psig, the pump head will _____ and pump flow rate will _____.

- A. increase; remain the same
- B. increase; decrease
- C. remain the same; remain the same
- D. remain the same; decrease

ANSWER: A.